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For: METHOD FOR THE ENRICHMENT OR DEPLETION OF TUMOR CELLS FROM A  
BODY FLUID AND KIT SUITABLE THEREFOR

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2004 in the above-captioned patent application. A response is due November 1, 2004. Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the one month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641. Accordingly, consideration of the amendments and remarks that follow is requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.